

# page 1 5.1 The Riemann Integral

Def 5.1.1 A partition  $P$  of the interval  $[a,b]$  is a finite set  $\{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  such that  $a = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_{n-1} < x_n = b$ . We write  $\Delta x_i = x_i - x_{i-1}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

Let  $f: [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be bounded and  $P$  a partition of  $[a,b]$ .

We define  $m_i = \inf \{f(x) : x_{i-1} \leq x \leq x_i\}$   $M_i = \sup \{f(x) : x_{i-1} \leq x \leq x_i\}$

$$L(P, f) = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \Delta x_i \quad (\text{lower Darboux sum})$$

$$U(P, f) = \sum_{i=1}^n M_i \Delta x_i \quad (\text{upper Darboux sum})$$

Prop 5.1.2 Let  $f: [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be bounded. Suppose  $m \leq f(x) \leq M$  for all  $x \in [a,b]$ . Then  $\forall$  partitions  $P$ ,  $m(b-a) \leq L(P, f) \leq U(P, f) \leq M(b-a)$ .

pf For each  $x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]$ ,  $m \leq m_i \leq M_i \leq M$ . Also,  $\sum_{i=1}^n \Delta x_i = (x_1 - x_0) + (x_2 - x_1) + \dots + (x_{n-1} - x_{n-2}) + (x_n - x_{n-1}) = x_n - x_0 = b - a$ .

For each  $i=1, \dots, n$ ,  $m \Delta x_i \leq m_i \Delta x_i \leq M_i \Delta x_i \leq M \Delta x_i$ . Summing from  $i=1$  to  $n$ ,  $m(b-a) \leq L(P, f) \leq U(P, f) \leq M(b-a)$ .

This proposition says  $\{L(P, f) : P \text{ is a partition}\}$  and  $\{U(P, f) : P \text{ is a partition}\}$  are bounded sets, justifying the next definition.

Def 5.1.3  $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \sup \{L(P, f) : P \text{ is a partition of } [a,b]\}$  (lower Darboux integral)

and  $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \inf \{U(P, f) : P \text{ is a partition of } [a,b]\}$  (upper Darboux integral)

Def 5.1.9 A bounded function  $f: [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is Riemann Integrable if  $\int_a^b f = \bar{\int}_a^b f$ . In this case, we simply write  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$  or  $\int_a^b f(x)$  or  $\int_a^b f$ .

Def 5.1.6 For partitions  $P = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  and  $\tilde{P} = \{\tilde{x}_0, \tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_m\}$ , we say  $\tilde{P}$  is a refinement of  $P$  if  $P \subseteq \tilde{P}$ .  
eg.  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  is a refinement of  $\{1, 3, 4\}$ . Intuitively, refinement yields better approximations.

Prop 5.1.7 Let  $f: [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a bounded function, and let  $P$  be a partition of  $[a,b]$ .

Let  $\tilde{P}$  be a refinement of  $P$ . Then  $L(P, f) \leq L(\tilde{P}, f)$  and  $U(P, f) \geq U(\tilde{P}, f)$ .

Prop 5.1.8 If  $f: [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded with  $m \leq f(x) \leq M$ , then  $m(b-a) \leq \int_a^b f \leq \bar{\int}_a^b f \leq M(b-a)$ .

pf We know  $m(b-a) \leq L(P, f) \leq U(P, f) \leq M(b-a)$  for arbitrary partitions. Since  $\int_a^b f$  is an upper bound of all  $L(P, f)$ , then  $m(b-a) \leq L(P, f) \leq \int_a^b f$ . Similarly,  $\bar{\int}_a^b f \leq U(P, f) \leq M(b-a)$ . The middle inequality is the result of taking refinements and using Prop 5.1.7.

If  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are arbitrary partitions, then  $\tilde{P} = P_1 \cup P_2$  is a refinement for both  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ .

$L(P_1, f) \leq L(\tilde{P}, f) \leq U(\tilde{P}, f) \leq U(P_2, f)$ . Fix  $P_1$ . Then  $L(P_1, f) \leq U(P_2, f)$  for arbitrary  $P_2$ .

Then,  $L(P_1, f)$  is a lower bound for  $\{U(P_2, f) : P_2 \text{ partition}\}$  so  $L(P_1, f) \leq \int_a^b f$  (g.l.b)

However  $P_1$  was arbitrarily fixed, so  $\int_a^b f$  is an u.b. for  $\{L(P, f)\}$  so (l.u.b)  $\int_a^b f \leq \bar{\int}_a^b f$ .

Prop 5.1.9 Suppose  $f: [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is Riemann integrable. and  $m \leq f(x) \leq M \forall x \in [a,b]$ . Then  $m(b-a) \leq \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq M(b-a)$ .

Prop 5.1.13 Let  $f: [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be bounded. Then  $f$  is Riemann Integrable if  $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists$  partition  $P$  of  $[a,b]$  so that  $U(P, f) - L(P, f) < \epsilon$ .

pf hint:  $0 \leq \bar{\int}_a^b f - \int_a^b f \leq U(P, f) - L(P, f)$ .  $(\int_a^b f) - \epsilon$  is not an u.b.  $(\bar{\int}_a^b f) + \epsilon$  is not a l.b. This gives  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ . Consider  $P_1 \cup P_2$ .

Note: In class I proved if  $f: [a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded, then  $\exists$  partition  $P$  st.  $(\bar{\int}_a^b f - \int_a^b f) \leq U(P, f) - L(P, f) < (\bar{\int}_a^b f - \int_a^b f) + \epsilon$ . This estimate yields a converse to the above prop.

Example  $f: [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x) = x^2$  is integrable.  $f$  is increasing so for any partition  $P$ ,  $f(x_{i-1}) \leq f(x) \leq f(x_i)$  for  $x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]$ .

So  $m_i = x_{i-1}^2$  and  $M_i = x_i^2$ . Observe that  $0 \leq f(x) \leq 1^2$  so  $\int_a^b f$ , if it exists, is in  $[0,1]$ .

Key properties of  $f$   $M_i - m_i = x_i^2 - x_{i-1}^2$  so  $U(P, f) - L(P, f) = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i^2 - x_{i-1}^2) \Delta x_i$ .

monotonic, bdd. derivative

$f(x) = x^2$  is diff. on  $[0,1]$  so also on  $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$ .

By the MVT  $f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1}) = f'(c_i)(x_i - x_{i-1})$  for some  $c_i \in (x_{i-1}, x_i)$

Actually  $\frac{y^2 - x^2}{y - x} = \frac{(y-x)(y+x)}{y-x} = y+x = f(c) = 2c$  says  $c = \frac{x+y}{2}$  works.

so  $f(x_i) - f(x_{i-1}) = f'(c_i) \Delta x_i = f'(\frac{x_{i-1} + x_i}{2}) \Delta x_i$   $f'(x) = 2x$  is bounded on  $[0,1]$  by 2.

So  $U(P, f) - L(P, f) = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_{i-1} + x_i) \Delta x_i$

$\leq \sum 2(\frac{b}{2}) \Delta x_i = \epsilon \sum \Delta x_i = \epsilon$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Easier argument using continuity in next section and not differentiability.

$\frac{b-a}{n} \leq \Delta x_i$

Goal  $f(x) \leq K$ . Given  $\epsilon > 0$  pick any partition  $P$  with  $\max \{\Delta x_i\} < \frac{\epsilon}{K(b-a)}$   $= \frac{\epsilon}{2}$   
E.g. regular partition  $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{N}$  using  $N > \frac{K(b-a)}{\epsilon} = \frac{2}{\epsilon}$